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To Whom it may concern,

I have worked in the information technology industry for 18+ years. Currently, I'm a senior systems analyst with Georgetown University. I disagree with the settlement that the Department of Justice has brokered with microsoft and feel that it does NOT address completely/ restrict the anti competitive practices that microsoft has made extensive use in the past or today.

The fact that the settlement does not remove ANY of the monies or competitive edges that microsoft gained by using anti competitive/illegal practices should be enough to not allow this settlement to happen in its current form.

I believe in free enterprise and competition dearly, which is why I can not agree with this settlement. Where was the freedom to compete when microsoft used illegal practices to crush young company's that did in fact have innovative products? Where is/was the justice for these former companies and technologies?

There are a number of very serious issues involved with microsofts illegal practices that can not be allowed to continue if America is going to continue to be a/the technology leader in the future.

Please do allow this settlement to stand in the form it is in currently, it will prove devastating to the computing industry in this country in the future I am sure.

If you would like more information from me, or if I need to be more specific please let me know and I will be more than happy to.

Sincerely,

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